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Mr Jacob Herbert was a character. His nose was large and really of a bad shape; but constant use of liquor had. somewhat spoiled its beauty. His hair was undeniably red. His beard looked like a scrubbing-brush dipped in vermilion paint. His temper was however, you wished to pleased him, just call him "Uncle Jake," and he

ple that, one day as they were clamming down in the inlet, a young fellow from the city rowed up and asked a man if he had any clams to sell. The man said "No," but referred him to Jakev Bounce. He thereupon rowed over to Jakev and said, "Good morning, Mr. Bounce." "Bounce!" said Jakey ; " I'll Bounce you!" And about this time the young man and Jakey's clam-hoe became inextricably tangled.

But the way he could knit seines! He would fill a shuttle and then pass it over and under and through so quickly that one could scarcely see it go. He was the best weather prophet, too, along all 'the shore, and his opinions on marine matters were indis-

Now Jakey owned a bank skiff, and in this he used to go off to sea every suitable day in summer and catch fish came to the sand-hill lock of the landing. I looked around but saw no one. The boats lay under my feet, just as and Fred White came along, then oth ers, and last of all Uncle Jake and his son-in-law, Jake Johnson.

All the fishermen, some with heavy sea boots, others barefooted, some with peajackets others with slickies, some with sou'westers, and others with hats, all sat down in a ring on sand. There was a heavy sea running, and already an unpleasantly strong wind was coming in from the northeast. They therefore decided to wait till the change of the tide, and then if the breeze did not change or lessen, to give up for the day. So they lit their pipes, and gathering their knees up to their chins sat and spun yarns for about an hour. At the end of that time the tide had changed to flood but the wind had rather increased. So they carried their bait back to the ice house and went down to the tavern.

Another morning I arose with the sun and, wending my way down past the lightning-blasted pine tree, thence along the crest of the last rising ground, and so on through the cedar swamp, finally reached the sand hills beyond. As I gained the summit of the one behind the landing I looked out over the deep, and there in the glistening sunshine I beheld the white sailed fleet all tending seaward. I waved frantically. At length an answering signal appeared from one of the boats. But it was too late. They could not have turned back, even had they recognized me. In despair I sank down in the sand to rest from the exertion of climbing the yielding beach hill. I ate part of my luncheon, and rose determined to go out in that

Three is always a lucky number with me. The third time I tried I went off to sea with Uncle Jake. I was afraid I would be late again, so I hurried and hastened along, and in the nick of time gained the top of the beach hill, for the boats were just putting out. In fact Uncle Jake was clearing the bar as I espied him. I rushed down the slope and sprang into a boat at the very moment she was shoved off. Away we went, and when we had passed the bar I explained to the men. We then rowed over to meet Jake, as he did us, and soon I was seated in the skiff in which I was to spend a most unhappy hour. The wind was puffy and uncertain. But we were not far out before a strong breeze came in from the southeast. Our mast was then stepped, the sprit was put in and shoved up taut, the sheet was trimmed down, and bore off on the starboard tack. When the Jakes thought we were far enough out we went about on the port tack and stood southward a couple of miles. Then sail was taken in. After getting our ranges the anchor was hove over and we swung around head to the wind. The water was here about twelve and a half fathoms deep. The bottom was composed of so-called rock. soft as soap and full of holes worn by the water. Our hooks would often catch in these holes, and to get them out required considerable skill.

I had enjoyed the sail very much. The fresh morning wind blowing in my face, and the gurgle and ripple under our bow as the boat sped joy-ously over the dark blue waves, had kept up my spirits. But now the fierce sun beating down and the reflection from the water and the scarcity of fish (not Paul fish) together with the fumes of bad tobacco rising ceaselessly from Jake's pipe, all combined to make me feel very squeamish. And soon I was leaning over the gunwale gazing intently at the sea-monsters enjoying my breakfast. But we will pass over that unhappy experience. Suffice it to say, that by pluck and perseverance I overcame my sea-sickness and enjoyed the rest of the day very | W. S .- The Cinhevron.

Of course the Jakes laughed, and swore if I had been the President, they would have charged a hundred dollars to take me ashore. But I did not want to go ashore. They also told all sorts of methods of curing my mal adv, one of which had a piece of pork somehow connected with it. In the distance we could see vessels

coming from, New York. By and by we noticed a beautiful white sloop as firery as his beard, and when on the | bearing down toward us with the wind water he could swear like a trooper, on her starboard quarter. She could but on shore a profane word never not have been more than fifty feet passed his lips. He was little and long, but the beauty of her lines made wiry, and walked with a springing up for size. As she came on with all step upon his bowed legs. Everybody sail set she made a beautiful spectacle. called him "Jakey Bounce," but he She hailed us. Her jib top sail was disliked that name very much. If, doused and she came up into the wind, her sails and rigging slapping and rattling in a most jolly manner. The would love you eight days in next ladies crowded to the side and leaned over to see us. We rounded up and There is a tradition among the peo- made fast to the line flung from the deck of the sloop. She was the "White Wing" of New Orleans, Capt. Smith, - days out, on a cruise, and bound for New York to see the races between the "Puritan" and "Genesta. We sold a few pounds of fish to the darkey cook, and pulled back to our former position. By this time the sloop was making sternway. So the helm was reversed, slowly she swung round, her sails filled and she forged ahead. As she drew off some one

waved a handkerchief from the taffrail.

About one o'clock, as Uncle Jake reckoned by the sun, I stood up in the stern sheet and looked around. Quite a distance off I noticed a peculiar roughness in the water. I called Jake's attention to it. They said it was a school of blue fish. Then Jake Johnson and I were set to work chopping up moss bunkers for still bait. Soon we could hear the sounds of chopping with hook and line. He had said from the other boats. The blue fish that I might go out to the banks with | came on leaping and jumping and him any day that I came down to the flinging their glistening sides into the landing in time. So one morning I | air. The still bait was thrown over arose at sunrise and started for the to make the fish stay around us, and landing. There was a slight haze off | then the squids were flung out, Uncle in the north and east, but elsewhere Jake drew in a regular old "sojer" and unhook him. But the jack was not there. Then Uncle Jake became angry and began to curse as I never heard any one curse before. He they had been placed the preceding af- | thought someone had stolen it out of ternoon. Soon, however, Sam Burdge | the boat during the night. But aster a time I found it on the floor underneath the bass. I set it up and in a short time the great mackeral were flapping against it and tearing them-

selves loose from the hooks. But we had not enjoyed this very long before the porpoises came along. We would hear a snort, and looking around would just see one go under. They chase the blue fish away and make the fishermen swear. Uncle Jake did wish every porpoise dead so that they could not hinder his fishing. Once one rose right alongside the boat, so near that we thought we should be upset. Jake Johnson grab-bed an oar and hit the porpose such a good blow across the back that Uncle Jake laughed for joy. It is lots of fun to catch blue fish. When the boat was nearly full I took one of the squids and, whirling it around my head, let fly. I drew it in empty. But the next time I threw it out I thought I had caught a whale. He weighed about five pounds; but my! how he

did pull. That was my first. The next day I ate him with great gusto. About half-past two we started to draw up the anchor. But the anchor would not come up. It had caught in a hard place in the rock and was firmly wedged. We pulled and slacked and pulled every way, but still it clung to the bottom. Moreover with every pull the nose of the boat would go almost under the water. So at length we piled the fish in the stern, and standing upon the after rail the Jakes pulled while I took in the slack from around a thole-pole. After a good deal of puffing and pulling the anchor broke loose and came up. But Jake Johnson threw so much of his weight on the line and it gave way so suddenly that he went over backwards into the briny. He came up gasping and snorting and laughing so hard that he

swallowed several gallons of ocean. The fish were laid down again in the bottom, sail was set and off we started with the wind exactly astern. Then the Jakes were happy. They had had a good catch of fish and had not been obliged to row either way. We fairly flew along. We went just about as fast as the waves. And when we would get on the top of a large one we would "run" it for quite a distance. To run a large wave is as much fun as sea was smooth and calm, with anal- to coast down hill. The nearer we most imperceptible swell. The light | came to the landing the more skiffs came in sight. They had all had a good day and were as jolly as could be. The air was filled with jests and banter, while hoarse laughs resounded

At last we were at the landing. And now came the most difficult feat of the day, viz.: to beach the loaded boat. The sail was taken in and the two Jakes took up the oars. We started to run the last of a set of large waves. It passed from under us in safety. But the small set were not as small as they seemed to be from a little distance. Uncle Jake hollered "Back," and they backed as hard as they could. But it was not soon enough. When Uncle Jake saw we must take it he said to me, "When this here wave comes aboard of us, young man, I want you

to set right still, and don't budge !" I looked around and saw the mass of water towering directly over me. I clutched the gunwales with either hand. A cold chill ran through me as the wave passed over me, but I did not move. Then the Jakes pulled as if for their lives. Friendly hands seized the drenched boat, we jumped out, and she was drawn half way up the slope. A couple of buckets were set to work, and in a short time she was bailed sufficiently to be drawn to

her nightly resting place. Loaded down with fish clothes I started homeward, happy as a pig in a puddle. And so ended my first voyage.—A

Own a Home.

The Dry Goods Chronicla, in a recent issue, contains an article, some of the thoughts of which are worthy of wide reading and consideration. It

"The great law-giver of the Hebrews well understood the first princiof all kinds and sizes going to, and ples of political economy when, under that form of government, every head of a family was allotted a piece of ground, and ownership thereof made sure. A strong national support was in this manner created, for it is a universal fact that men will die in defence of their homes.

"Individual possession of the soil is not only one of the best guarantees of public safety; it is promotive of good citizenship. Men who own property are supporters and respecters of law. Self-interest, to say nothing of duty or patriotism, impels them to the upholding of government. Turbulence and strife find little sympathy in well-settled communities. Mobs are organized by those who have nothing to lose. This class is the disorganizing force in society. The strong arm of governmental power alone keeps them in check.

"Tax-paying and self-respect go together. Proprietorship exerts influence, influence adds to dignity, and dignity, by the exercise of a natural law, increases self- respect. There is a pardonable degree of pride felt in the lawful possession of property. There is a glow of satisfaction in owning the roof-tree that shelters.

"The house, the ground, the farm acquired by individual effort is an enduring testimony to the fruit of honorable toil. They possess intrinsic value. They are a safe permanent investment. They are not subject to the depreciations and fluctuations that all was clear. After stumbling along | and started to fling him over the jack | suddenly destroy values in other forms of wealth. They, in all ages, in al countries, and under all conditions have a substantial value. For this reason, house and lands are denominate real estate.

"As possession of property there fore invests citizenship with new dig nity and influence, and tends to the promotion of public safety, it should be the aim of every young man to acquire real estate.

"As absolute ownership of homes aves the family from many of the ills incident to changing fortunes, what what higher inducement can be offered than for the head of the household to be sole proprietor of the house or

Exorcising the "Demon of Pride." A miller woman named Jallu had four

children, two sons and two daughters. The elder daughter, Esther Jallu, was pretty and conscious of the fact. She had also some education, and was a great favorite in the village, where the other inmates of the mill were disliked and feared. One day her family began to assume that she was possessed of the demon of pride. There was an evil spirit in Esther's body, and the brothers Jallu declared to everybody that they would in some way drive it out. After ruminating upon the matter for some time they barred the doors of the mill, and, seizing their sister, threw her on the floor. One of them held her down while the other bored holes in her with an augur. The demon was to escape out of her body by

these openings. While the screams of the tortured girl were half drowned by the noise of millstones turning rapidly, two women-the mother and sister-were actually kneeling beside her praying for the success of the operation. Four holes were boredone in the forehead, one in the body and one in each leg. Whether these ignorant peasants really imagined that they could thus drive the demon of pride out of their sister, or whether they premeditated the murder they committed, mattered very little for Esther, who, of course, died under the operation. The gendarmes were at once informed of the occurrence, and, the inmates of the mill having been seized, they were sent to a madhouse.—Paris Cor. London Standard.

Meat Diet in Japan. There is said to be a great increase in the number of butcher shops in Tokio, with upper rooms in which the meat is cooked for customers. The Japanese have a strong belief that the superiority of foreigners in energy and physique is entirely due to a meat diet, hence a large number of the residents are training to become Sullivans by eating liberally of the once neglected flesh.—San Francisco

Intensity of Explosive Gases. As a matter of precaution for the safety of employes, work is suspended in certain Austrian coal mines, in dangerous places, during a fall of the barometer. it having been proved by experiment that the quantity and intensity of explosive gases greatly increase as the atmospheric pressure diminishes. - New York Sun.

Rev. Sam Jones' Rebuke. "Brethren." said Sam Jones to his Boston audience, "I think too much of cultured Boston to rebuke an audience. but down south the people don't leave the house until the benediction is pronounced." Few natives of the Hub could administer a rebuke in more gentlemanly terms. - Washington Post.

Tobacco in Borneo. Rorneo has come into the field of tobacco growing competitors. A recent shipment which arrived in London from that colony found ready sale, and was pronounced to be equal in all respects to the valuable cigar tobacco produced in the neighboring island of Sumatra. - New York Tribune.

Dependent for Support. "I hope you will be lenient with me, udge," said the thief, as he stood up to be sentenced; "I have a good many dependent on me for their support." ·Children?" asked the judge.

"No. Police detectives."-Texas Sift-

Indian Bric-a-Brac. The scarcity of Indian bric-a-brac in California is a new phase of the Indian question. A string of shell and bone beads is worth \$50, and wampum, fragments of bones and other relics are rapidly becoming extinct.—Chicago Times.

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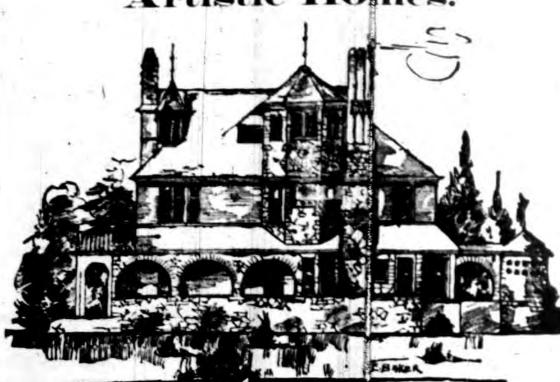
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